Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) **A** {The] method of treating **a** [the] surface of a **polyethylene** [polyolefin] object to obtain a permanently textured surface which comprises:

a. coating the surface with a mixture of a tackifier and **polyethylene** [polyolefin] powder in a liquid carrier;

b. incorporating inorganic particulate solids having a size range passing a 15 mesh standard screen size into the coating;

c. drying the coating and heating the coating and surface to the melt temperature of said **coating and** surface for a sufficient time to fuse the coating into the surface of the **polyethylene** [polyolefin] object but insufficient to cause thermal distortion of the polyolefin object.

2. (withdrawn) The method of claim 1 wherein the polyolefin object is a polyethylene object.

3. (withdrawn) The method of claim 2 wherein the polyolefin powder is polyethylene powder.

4. (previously presented) The method of claim **1** [3] wherein the particles of the polyethylene powder have a size range less than 140 microns.

5. (previously presented) The method of claim **1** [3] wherein said tackifier is an aliphatic or cycloaliphatic hydrocarbon resin.

6. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein said tackifier and **polyethylene** [polyolefin] powder are present in proportions from 15 to 30 weight percent tackifier and from 85 to 70 weight percent **polyethylene** [polyolefin] powder.

7. (previously presented) The method of claim 6 wherein said liquid carrier is a hydrocarbon solvent.

8. (previously presented) The method of claim 6 wherein said liquid carrier is water and including sufficient surfactant to disperse the active ingredients in water.

9. (currently amended) The method to prepare a permanently textured surface on a polyethylene object which comprises:

a. coating a polyethylene surface of said object with a mixture of a hydrocarbon tackifier resin and polyethylene powder in proportions from 15 to 30 weight percent tackifier and from 85 to 70 weight percent polyethylene powder. in a liquid carrier;

b. incorporating inorganic solids having a size range passing a 15 mesh standard screen size into the coating;

c. heating said surface and coating to a temperature of 250° to 350° F. for sufficient time to melt said **coating and** surface and fuse the coating into said surface without causing the object to distort or warp.

10. (previously presented) The method of claim 9 wherein the particles of the polyethylene powder have a size range less than 140 microns.

11.. (previously presented) The method of claim 9 wherein said tackifier is an aliphatic or cycloaliphatic hydrocarbon resin.

12. (previously presented) The method of claim 9 wherein said liquid carrier is a hydrocarbon solvent.

13. (previously presented) The method of claim 9 wherein said liquid carrier is water and including sufficient surfactant to disperse the active ingredients in water.